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COMPUTERIZATION IN DISTRICT COURTS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposal for computerization of all district courts in the country;

(b) whether Kerala has been given funds for the computerization of lower courts;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether courts in Kerala have been given central assistance for development of infrastructure, and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI K.VENKAT APATHY)

(a) The Government has accorded its approval for the Computerisation of District and Subordinate Courts in the States and Union Territories at a cost of Rs.384.53 crores. National Informatics Centre (NIC) is the implementing agency for the project. Necessary funds are being released to NIC in each financial year. An amount of Rs. 103.05 crores pertaining to the year 2004-2005 has already been released to NIC. An amount of Rs.214 crore has been provided for this project during the current fiscal year (2005-2006).

(b) & (c) An amount of Rs. 46.00 lakhs was released to the Government of Kerala for information technology in courts under centrally sponsored scheme for development of infrastructural facilities for the judiciary from the year 2000-2001 to 2003-2004. Also, during the year 2003-04, under the scheme of computerization of city courts in State Capitals, implemented by the National Informatics Centre, an amount of Rs. 80.51 lakh was earmarked for the computerization of city courts in Ernakulam. Further, under the Capital City Courts computerization project, the District & Subordinate Courts of Thiruvananthapuram have been provided with necessary computer Hardware, Software and established Local Area Network.

(d) Yes, sir.

(e) From 1993-94 upto 2003-2004, an amount of Rs 20.95 crore was released to Kerala for development of infrastructural facilities for the judiciary under the centrally sponsored scheme.